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1. REGRET SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES MADE TRIP POSTPONEMENT NECESSARY. REGARDING RESCHEDULING DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY, THE SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. ABDUL RAHMAN AL-SULTAN WILL BE AWAY FROM KUWAIT STARTING ON JANUARY 6.

B. THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF
COMMUNICATIONS, ABDUL RAHMAN AL-GHUNAIM (KEY OFFICIAL WHOM
THE DELEGATION SHOULD SEE IF POSSIBLE) HAS A TENTATIVE
COMMITMENT AWAY FROM KUWAIT DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF
JANUARY, BUT IT IS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER HE WILL
TRAVEL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A DECISION ON THIS IS EXPECTED
WITHIN ABOUT A WEEK. WILL INFORM ADDRESSEES.
C. CURRENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT OTHER APPROPRIATE
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OFFICIALS (ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE, MANAGER AND OFFICIALS OF TANKER PORT AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER COGNIZANT OF LOS AND IMCO AFFAIRS) WILL BE IN KUWAIT DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY.

2. SOME GOK OFFICIALS HAVE INQUIRED INFORMALLY ABOUT THE SPECIFIC SUBJECTS WHICH THE US DELEGATION INTENDS TO BRING

UP, SEEKING TO BETTER PREPARE THEMSELVES TO RECEIVE THE VISITORS. IF POSSIBLE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A LIST OF TOPICS SOMEWHAT MORE DETAILED THAN THOSE MENTIONED REF C. SPECIFICALLY, WILL VISITORS WISH TO DISCUSS FEBM 78 TANKER SAFETY CONFERENCE?

3. NOTE THAT JANUARY 1 IS OBSERVED LOCALLY AS A HOLIDAY AND THAT JANUARY 5-6 IS MUSLIM WEEKEND, WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSING ABOUT NOON JAN. 5. ALSO, RECOMMEND THAT IF THE DELEGATION IS TO SPEND A WEEKEND IN MIDDLE EAST, IT BE SPENT IN EGYPT, A MORE INTERESTING AND ATTRACTIVE LOCALE. SUTHERLAND

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